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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to considering the above-captioned application on the merits, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

14. (New) A method of selectively transferring a fluid between two locations, wherein one location is comprised of a first connector member having a proximal end and a resilient, pre-slit resealable septum positioned at said proximal end of said first connector member, said septum presenting a flat, swabbable outer surface; and wherein the other location is comprised of a second connector member for connection to said first connector member for establishing a fluid flow between said members, said second connector member having a body with a hollow proximal end, said body adapted for extension over said proximal end of said first connector member, and a hollow tube, said hollow tube connected to said body, said hollow tube